

To: Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Sandoval, Joni
Sent: Tue 11/10/2015 8:21:09 PM
Subject: RE: Daily Caller, 2nd article - GKM contracts

From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:01 AM
To: Sandoval, Joni
Subject: FW: Daily Caller, 2nd article - GKM contracts

We received some previous information about contract mods for ERRS which I pasted below.
Can you reconcile with this request below?

Thanks

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Amorosi, Joanne; R8 GKM Leadership Team
Cc: Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Daily Caller, 2nd article - GKM contracts

Daily Caller's Ethan Barton is doing a second, separate story on GKM contracting. This one will focus on EPA's continued use of Environmental Restoration as a contractor.

R8, can you take the lead?

His deadline is 5pm Eastern today.

Questions:

1. I saw that on Aug. 4, the day before the spill, Environmental Restoration LLC received a \$1 million contract modification for work in Region 8. What was that contract modification for?

The total mod on 8/4/15 was for 945k, of which 375k went to the California Gulch Mikado Pond site (0829RV06), and the other 570k was for non-site specific Removal Assessment work, however it was discussed that 250k would be used for the Removal Assessment work that was ongoing at the Gold King Mine site.

2. I also saw that, following the spill, Environmental Restoration received another \$1.2 million from contract modifications for work in Region 8, but doesn't mention the Gold King Mine spill. What were those contract modifications for?

A Mod for 1 million was added to the Gold King Mine Release TO (77) on 8/13/15, and 265k was added to the Tomichi Mill Site on 8/15/15.

3. Lastly, I saw one contract with Environmental Restoration signed on Aug. 6 that did relate to the Gold King Mine clean up, which ultimately was increased to \$1.4 million. Is it appropriate for Environmental Restoration, the company responsible for the spill, to get paid by the EPA to clean up the mess they caused?

Thanks,

Christie

. The EPA had funded Environmental Restoration, LLC to work on the Gold King Mine as an investigation phase, and not as an emergency or time-critical removal phase.

The Contract Modifications you requested information about can be broken down as follows:

Mod 32 for \$945K:

\$270K allocated for GKM

\$375K allocated for Cal Gulch

\$300K allocated for work not yet defined

\$220K of the \$300k was allocated to GKM Task Order 51 on Aug 11, 2015.

Mod 33 for \$ 265K:

\$265K allocated for Tomichi Mill Site

Mod 34 for \$ 1.0 Million:

Mod 34 was allocated to GKM Task Order 77.

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